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Your President reports:

Ed Nelson and John Cross Not Miles Apart

Their Purpose The Same, Difference in Methods

By Ed Nelson, F.U.A. President

The most important job of Alberta farmers is to convert as much of our province's agricultural resources into cash as they can. Grain growers, meat producers and dairy men can do this only by working together. How the returns of their operation are distributed should be the result of common policy, and not of competition and power. If this was analyzed further we might find that there is, in Alberta, little real difference in what the different agricultural organizations want to accomplish.

I realized this again when I had the good fortune to sit in on two days of the 67th annual meeting of the Western Stock Growers Association, held in Red Deer the last week in January. Not only was I privileged to hear seven outstanding speakers develop topics of interest but I was also able to renew the friendly feud between my good friend John Cross (former president of the W.S.G.A.) and myself.

Grain producer subsidizing cattle men

You see, John believes I am a rabid socialist and I regard him as a stubborn, private enterpriser or something equally (bad)? Whatever it is, over the years, it has been good for some friendly jousting whenever we meet. This year we parted with an invitation from John to visit him and his ranch some time and this I shall most certainly be glad to do.

But, what I want to do in this letter is to look a little closer at this apparent difference between John Cross and myself. I think that if we dug deep enough we might find there is little difference in our respective thoughts.

We might even find our respective roles reversed.

He owns a large spread, called a ranch, in the grass country, I have a small (emphasis on the small) farm in the mixed farm areas. I can see, in his ideas, a threat to my existence and he sees in my ideas, a threat to him. In reality, I don't want any of his nor does he want any of mine. Both want to be free to think and speak freely. Both are interested in producing food for sale, and quite naturally, both are interested in getting the best possible returns from these sales.

Here, the similarity begins to

break down. It now becomes a question of what method should we use to get those returns.

The matter of power

We disagree, but for different reasons. Because I am a small producer I would like to pool my bargaining position with his, thereby hoping that both would gain something. He prefers to bargain separately. He may or may not do better financially than I do but this isn't really important at this stage. The most important thing is the fact that he hasn't been hampered by me, in making his decisions.

In the meantime, due to my
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By decision of the Annual Convention the yearly membership dues will be \$6.00 starting next year. Everyone, however, paying for a two-year membership now has to pay only ten dollars, as the membership campaign isn't finished yet. You don't have to be a fast buck operator to save yourself one dollar.

Still a better deal are life memberships. Their price hasn't gone up. They cost only \$100.00, or less than 17 times the new yearly membership dues.

5% DIVIDEND CAR POOL

The Car Insurance Trustees, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mr. Ed Nelson and Mr. Dobson Lea, have announced a 5% (five per cent) dividend on the 1962 FUA Motor Vehicle Pool. This dividend will be paid on renewals on and after March 1, 1963.

Direct Action By The FUA! Get Everyone To Join The F.U.A.



This lady, a member of the group that visited Eastern Canada, didn't topple the Diefenbaker government but she sure had a run in with the prime minister.

In checking our lists at Central Office we found that not all 1962 memberships have been renewed. We urge that all canvassers, canvassing foremen and local officers check the membership of their local, and make a real try to get all those as members again who were last year a member of the FUA. It doesn't pay to have a floating membership. Our Union will be strong only if we can be sure that those who are members will remain members. Now is the time to do this. We expect that every local will help to achieve the goal of a steady membership.

HOW ABOUT THAT?

At the turn of the year 1960 the Swedish Farmers' Union had a membership of 192,000, or about 80% of those whose main source of income is farming and ancillary industries. The Union has 2,356 local sections which are grouped in 27 provincial unions.

MEMBERSHIPS TO BE SENT IN

In case any secretary, canvasser or foreman hasn't mailed in yet all memberships, we kindly request him or her to do so immediately. It will make the work easier for everyone concerned. In case some 1962 members haven't renewed their memberships, please contact them now before the hurry of spring work prevents you from doing so.

F.U. & C.D.A. PROGRAM

Two Day Co-operative Directors' Courses on:

- (a) role of the co-op director in relation to the management, the board and the members.
- (b) duties of the co-op director
- (c) communications and publicity
- (d) operating principles of a co-operative.

These will be held at Stony Plain, Hotel Banquet Room, Feb. 27 and 28 and at Wildwood Community Hall, March 6 and 7. (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

One Day Workshops for Officials of local organizations—sessions will include definition of their role, and skills important in carrying out their duties.

March 11—Beaverlodge
March 12—Stony Plain
March 14—Morinville, Legion Hall

TREMENDOUS OTTAWA-TORONTO TOUR

It will be one of the understatements of the year if we merely say that the tour to Eastern Canada was enjoyed by all. It was organized as a reward to those two sub-districts in every district which had done the best job in Membership Week November 5-9, 1962. Each of the winning sub-districts could appoint one person for the tour. That made for a total of 28. Some of them wanted to take their husband or wife with them, with the result that a total of 45 persons went East. Mr. Paul Babey, chairman of the Membership Committee, was in charge, and he has done his job so well, that the group awarded him a Certificate of Merit as "Shepherd first class."

It would have been impossible to arrange this tour without the help of many co-operatives, which supported it in the most grandiose way: U.F.A. Co-op, Alberta Wheat Pool, U.G.G., Federated Co-ops, Co-op Insurance Companies, Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, Central Alberta Dairy Pool, C.C.I.L., The support and co-operation received from them, and also from the Ontario Hog Producers Marketing Board was magnificent.

The group has seen an historic event, while attending the House of Commons, when the vote was taken on the non-confidence motion, which led to the dissolution of the 25th Parliament. When the plans for the tour were made, nobody expected that the group would arrive in Ottawa at such a hectic time. It was more than an experience to see parliament at work at the moment that history was made.

As all the winners will report about the tour not only to their own local, but also to other locals, we won't steal their thunder and report here what they have seen

and learned on those 10 busy days from January 30 to February 10. They are able to do the job themselves, and do it well. We would like, however, to publish here some impressions we have received already:

SAM MEIER:

"We were shown, at different places we visited, what farmers can do if they put their heads together.

"It was a wonderful trip with a great leader."

H. GLENN LUNTY:

"The tours were very well organized by the Co-ops and farm

groups in Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Fort William and Toronto. I would like to thank the F.U.A., the Co-ops and all other parties for making this trip such a success."

NO SIGNATURE:

"The U.G.G. and Wheat Pool grain terminals handle our grain in a systematic way that is very appealing to us. I hope we can bring with us a wider understanding and a clearer picture about co-operation and put it to work at home."

PAUL ANDREW:

"This trip as a whole is one of

the most interesting experiences I have ever had. At every place we stopped we were treated royally by officials of co-ops, organizations and government. We met and talked with important people right across the Dominion of Canada. We pioneered the first Membership Tour of FUA members in a dominion-wide tour which I believe will be the forerunner to many great tours to come."

TED JAREMCO:

"The refinery (in Regina—Ed.) really impressed me as it was the farmers who started it and built it up. The most interesting visit

was to the Ontario Hog Producers Marketing Board. I now wish we had a Hog Marketing Board in the West."

WILMER BIRD:

"The RCMP tour (in Regina—Ed.) was most interesting. The same is true for the visit to the C.C.I.L. plant, the grain terminals and the Mint in Ottawa. We spoke with our M.P. and discussed the sale of wheat to China and price stability. The hospitality extended to us was very wonderful. I will do my best to report back to our locals."

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relatively weak position because of size, I have likely suffered a lesser return, which generates frustration and resentment. It is a little hazy at this stage as to whether any "rights" have been violated. One thing is, however, certain, John Cross has exerted

a form of power which he believes is his right.

Whether it is his right or not is no longer important to me. What is important is to find some way to either counter that power or acquire it myself. Whoever has the power in the end will survive. Some people believe this is as it

should be. John Cross believes it is O.K. for power to be in the hands of individuals. I believe it should be in the hands of groups of individuals — the larger the groups, the better.

At any rate, the Western Stock Growers passed at least two resolutions favoring free enterprise and opposing any government intervention either in the way of subsidies or boards. They were perfectly good resolutions and I would have little hesitancy in sup-

porting them, if I were on their side of the fence. From where I sit of course, they were meaningless.

Riding the crest

The live stock industry is, and has been riding the crest of good times for several years and is going to continue doing so for a while.

Certainly, there is keen competition within the industry itself. The price of beef has remained high enough, and over a long period, so that it is beginning to affect the capital input that is part of the cost of beef production. One speaker from Iowa told the meeting that they are seriously considering cow-calf operations on land valued up to four or five hundred dollars per acre.

In years gone by, land valued at \$50 per acre or over has been considered too high priced for this purpose. Apparently it is now more profitable to produce beef on high priced land than to produce grain. If this is so then it must mean that the grain producer is subsidizing beef production.

It was a little disconcerting therefore, to listen to the discussion on a resolution objecting to subsidies on feed grain shipped to Ontario and B.C. While I, personally, have never felt this subsidy to be justified nor of any great benefit to the Western grain grower, it seems to me it does benefit the livestock man who sells feeders. It gives him access to three feeder markets instead of two (local, Eastern and U.S.).

"Togetherness" better

At any rate, the important thing to remember is, as I told the meeting when I brought greetings from the F.U.A., we are in this thing together. Our job is to convert as much of Alberta resources to cash as we can. Grain growers,

Study Programs For Locals

The following materials are available from the F.U. & C.D.A. office, 9934 - 106 Street.

Local Government—how it functions, powers, types of local government.

Farm Property Taxation—assessment, how a mill rate is arrived at, etc.

Education Foundation Plan Marketing Boards—(the Alberta Plan for Proposed Hog Marketing Board, and the Ontario Tele-type Marketing system).

Use of Credit—a study of the cost of credit, banks, finance companies, credit unions, etc.

Record of FUA Accomplishments—Information on skills and techniques in chairmanship, parliamentary procedure, basic principles used in planning a program, duties of chairman, secretary, treasurer, publicity chairman, setting up and function of committees.

Sub-district Conventions District 3

Sub-district 1 and 1A of District 3 will hold their convention at Napels Hall on March 8, 1963.

Sub-districts 2 and 3 of District 3 will hold their convention in the Anglican Church Hall at Westlock, on March 10.

meat producers and dairy men must work together, if we are to realize the maximum return. How these returns are distributed should be the result of common policy, not competition and power politics. If this was analyzed further we might find that there is little real difference in what either John Cross or I want to accomplish. Our differences lie in methods, rather than purposes.

EVERY MAN LIKES TO SEE A QUEEN

Dear Girls:

I hope you don't get soft. You are the "weaker" sex, but getting soft hasn't helped anybody, it wouldn't even have saved Marie Antoinette's slender neck. You are dealing all your life with a hard-hearted bunch. Men have always fought bitterly to protect what they consider to be their own. They jailed hundreds and hundreds of suffragettes, who didn't ask for anything more than the right to disappear once in so many years behind the curtain of a voting booth, not to check their make-up, but to prepare a piece of paper that only a few seconds later would have to be dropped into a balloting box. How little it was they were asking for and how hard-hearted and stubborn their men.

Don't be afraid girls, jail is waiting for you if you fight for your right. At the slightest chance of such a dreadful thing happening, don't got to a lawyer, but write, wire or phone collect Central Office. Of course you will have to pay the phone bill later—and the Knights of the Jr. FUA will come thundering down. Not on beautiful black or white steeds, but on rattling tractors, in deadly-tired trucks, war-experienced jeeps, sedans and coupes of 1930 vintage. They may not all look like little Joe, but you are looking at that moment for strong, willing hearts, not romance. They will protect you. I can give you this assurance, because I know that not all men have hidden their heart behind layers of self-centredness, stubbornness, unkindness. Some aren't too bad. They need, however, a little bit of prodding, and you better start right now, because your candidacy must be in before March 18. Don't wait for that date, DO THE PUSHING NOW!

Sincerely yours,
X X X X X
(Signature not readable—Ed.)

Editor's Note to the Men:

That letter writer gets annoying. If I can find out before next October who he (or she?) is, I shall notify the local canvasser not to visit him (or her?); I shall take care of that case myself, and it will be fun. In the meantime we can't let him (or her?) get away with this kind of tricks. I don't know anything about Marie Antoinette's slender neck, because I have never met a girl with that name, but I suspect that some men haven't been too soft in touching it. However, Marie Antoinette is none of my business, perhaps not even of any of us. Therefore let us attend to the business at hand. I don't see any reason to use in this case the soft touch. In our farming business we seldom use it, why should we start with it now? Let's proceed in our usual, efficient, strong-willed way. That will prevent us from making mistakes. We know that there is a Jr. FUA Queen Contest. Such a thing can only be held if there are candidates, and nobody has to tell us that. Therefore, the first thing we do is put it on the agenda of our next meeting: Election of a Queen Candidate. We have had nearly a full year to make up our minds about it, and everyone of us has seen in that time in each case one girl deserving to be a candidate. I don't insinuate that you have been looking especially for beautiful girls, but you have to watch the traffic and so on, and once in a while your eyes may have been looking a little bit beyond the traffic in your lane. With that point settled, the road must be clear. You can go ahead and choose your candidate. Send her name to Central Office before March 18, else Central Office will send YOU an annoying letter, saying: Sorry, your entry reached us too late.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meetings of Co-operative Life Insurance Company and Co-operative Fire and Casualty Company will be held in the Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan on Wednesday, March 6, 1963.

Policyowners are invited to attend the annual meetings of their Companies.

CO-OP LIFE CO-OP FIRE

Tremendous Ottawa - Toronto Tour

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ARVID LARSON:

"I was particularly impressed with the great development of the Co-ops we visited. The faith of those that started them has definitely paid off. To merely say we enjoyed the trip is certainly an understatement. As a good-will tour it was a tremendous success. The Farmers' Union organization deserves a great deal of credit for this first award tour. I say first award tour, because I believe a similar tour should become a yearly affair."

MARY OSADCZUK:

"This was the most educational tour of my life. I would like to express my thanks on behalf of all of us to everyone connected with this tour, most of all Paul Babey, our tour guide, who performed his duties in the most orderly manner and went out of his way to make our tour a memorable one."

JOE KUZIK:

"The tour was very interesting right from the start. Our meetings on the train (even on the train the members were kept busy, and quite a few subjects were discussed. The group was organized as a local and officers were elected—Ed.) were very entertaining."

NO SIGNATURE:

"The visit to Regina will stick

in my memory. As a whole, it was a very instructive and worthwhile trip I'll remember."

HAL FRANKS:

"What impressed me more than anything was the wholehearted hospitality which was shown us everywhere we went. The second thing that impressed me was the tremendous growth of the Co-ops in Regina. It shows how people working together can build something to be proud of, not only from the financial point of view, but with the idea we are building something that will be carried on for generations to come."

NO SIGNATURE:

"We have a good story to take home."

WILLIS LOVE:

"I think the trip was one of the most educational ideas. Everyone should have some memories that will last for many years to come."

W. J. McHARG:

"After looking over the co-operatives in Regina, we in Alberta must support our co-ops for the full 100% and encourage others to do the same."

M. J. GOUGHNOR:

"I credit the success of this trip to a very interested and congenial

group of farm people who took part in this tour and the very fine leadership of Mr. P. Babey."

NO SIGNATURE:

"The tour has been very educational and much appreciated by all."

MRS. D. WORTMAN:

"I believe the most important thing on the tour was the reception we received all along the way. The entire trip was a great success, partly due to the hospitality of the Co-ops, Marketing Board, etc., and also the good fellowship amongst the people participating in the tour."

PETER BARTON:

"The tour was quite an experi-

ence. Regina was the most impressive with its Co-op establishments."

ROMEO BELANGER:

"I must commend Mr. Paul Babey on the way he organized and handled this tour. It was tops all the way."

NO SIGNATURE:

"These have been the most interesting 10 days I have ever spent. We were a tired group when we boarded the train in Toronto to go home."

PETER FERENCE:

"What has really impressed me on this tour is what people will do when they co-operate. First, I want to mention the determina-

tion of our FUA Executive in Edmonton to show thanks to the people who took part in the Membership Drive. Secondly it was just marvelous to see how the people at the various points showed us what organized farm people have done to better their standard of living and also the co-operative way in which the people have tried to make our trip enjoyable and a great success."

MRS. JOSEPHINE FAHRION:

"To summarize this tour I can honestly say it has been very educational and entertaining. I can go home bringing back many ideas to be used at our meetings besides many memories and new friends I will not forget."



Here is the group shown boarding a bus to tour co-operative facilities in Regina, Saskatchewan.

STARS OF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE-SHOW

Here are some of the stars of the Membership Drive-Show the FUA put on from November 5-9, 1962. The list should and could contain more names, but in some sub-districts canvassers who had a very high rating were unable to take part in the tour to Ottawa and weren't put on the list. In other sub-districts only one or two people could be found who were able to go. Nevertheless all names mentioned here are those of people who are stars in their own right. They did excellent work for the FUA, as many others have done. For that reason we don't pretend that this is a complete list of THE stars of that successful show, our Membership Drive, November 5-9, 1962.

Dist.	Sub-Dist.	Name & Address
1.	S.D. 4—1.	Nick Poohkay, Eaglesham
	2.	Dorothy Sylvestre, Tangent
	S.D. 5—1.	Victor Kowalchuk, Spirit River
	2.	Willie Zyha, Spirit River
	3.	William Jenssen, Woking
2.	S.D. 5—1.	Zoel Cote, Donnelly
	2.	Andre Fournier, Donnelly
	S.D. 5—1.	Sam Simpson, Fairview
3.	S.D. 1—1.	Peter Barton, Naples

Dist.	Sub-Dist.	Name & Address
	1.	Bob Cherwonka, Naples
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S.D. 2—1.		Hardy Terhorst, Jarvie
	2.	Jack Montgomery, Dapp
	3.	Mrs. D. Wortman, Sunniebend
4.	S.D. 5—1.	Maurice Campeau, Fort Kent
	2.	William McGregor, Sandy Rapids
	2.	Nick Gurin, Sandy Rapids
	3.	Ray Bazaire, Beaverdam
S.D. 6—1.		Peter Ference, Elk Point
	2.	Harold Franks, Heinsburg
	3.	Frank Bendixen, Heinsburg
5.	S.D. 2—1.	Tom McConaghy, Legal
	2.	H. W. Pride, Picardville
	3.	Ch. Clement, Legal
S.D. 6—1.		Mrs. E. Fahrion, Rosevear
6.	S.D. 1—1.	Joe Kuzik, Radway
	2.	John Yurkiw "
	3.	Mike Faryna "
S.D. 5—1.		Victor Melenka, Andrew
	2.	Fred Romanchuk, Willingdon
	3.	Alice Woychuk, Andrew

Dist.	Sub-Dist.	Name & Address
7.	S.D. 1—1.	Ted Jaremco, Derwent
	2.	Nick Koshowski, Myrnam
	3.	Fred Stoparyk, Derwent
S.D. 6—1.		Romeo Belanger, Edgerton
	2.	Mrs. Henry Arneson, Edgerton
	3.	Roy Pierce, Edgerton
8.	S.D. 4—1.	Willie Hallum, Sedgewick
	2.	Ch. Camp, Daysland
S.D. 6—1.		Glenn Luntz, Forestburg
	2.	Ron Henderson, Forestburg
	3.	Taber Ross, Forestburg
	4.	E. Fordice, Galahad
9.	S.D. 2—1.	John M. Hedlund, Wetaskiwin
	2.	Earl Holt, Ferintosh
	3.	Bill Meyer, New Norway
S.D. 3—1.		Jim Scharff, Millet
	2.	Jim Marr, Millet
	3.	Stanley Sehlin, Hay Lakes
10.	S.D. 3—1.	Mrs. H. Pickering, R R 1, Blackfalds
	2.	J. O. Slyke, R R 1, Red Deer
	3.	Bruce Hagerman, R R 1, Sylvan Lake

Dist.	Sub-Dist.	Name & Address
S.D. 4—1.		Reg Stewart, Carbon
	2.	P. R. Andrews, Drumheller
	3.	H. W. Johnson, Didsbury
11.	S.D. 2—1.	Mrs. C. Johnson, Morrin
	2.	Don Benedict, Hanna
	3.	Mrs. C. Chambers, Morrin
S.D. 4—1.		Willis Love, Box, 28, Oyen
	2.	Mrs. M. Westerlund, Esther
12.	S.D. 2—1.	Wilmer Bird, Pincher Creek
S.D. 4—1.		W. J. McHarg, Okotoks
	2.	Gordon Gehman, Okotoks
	3.	Mrs. Kay Noel, Okotoks
13.	S.D. 4—1.	Sam Meier, Rainier
	2.	Tony Palko, Scandia
	3.	Lester Anderberg, Lyle Graber
S.D. 5—1.		Mrs. M. Osardeczuk, Iddesleigh
14.	S.D. 1—1.	Arvid John Larson, Twin River
	2.	George Navratil, Magrath
	3.	Lester Campbell, Cardston
S.D. 7—1.		M. J. Goughnor, Enchant

GOOD CABINET REPLY ON FWUA BRIEF

The F.W.U.A. Executive, Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite, Mrs. F. A. Sissons, Mrs. J. R. Hallum, Mrs. P. Belik, and Mrs. Hicks met with the Provincial Cabinet Ministers on Monday, February 11, 1963.

Cabinet members present were Premier Manning, Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Mr. Norman Willmore, Mr. A. J. Hooke, Mr. E. W. Hinman, Mr. H. E. Strom, Mr. L. C. Halmrast, Mr. Ambrose Holowach, Mr. F. C. Colbourne, Mr. R. Reiersen, Dr. J. D. Ross, Mr. A. O. Aalborg, Mr. G. Taylor and Mr. R. Patrick.

The brief stated that the 18,890 members of the F.W.U.A. as farm women are concerned with the family farm. As equal partners with their men in agriculture they are anxious that their children have equal opportunities with urban children. They believe that a greater pride in agriculture could be developed if the schools taught a good agricultural course, that gave every individual an understanding of how taxes are collected and spent, the problems of

marketing, soil and water conservation, food production and other interesting facts of agriculture. The acceptance of a "Farmers' Holiday" would then be much more meaningful to the city people. Many people would like to work in agriculture, but lack the training. Here the FWUA believes the Agricultural Schools could serve an excellent purpose if the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture worked more closely together in establishing Diploma courses, where a student could get job training in agriculture.

Regarding the resolution requesting that \$30,000 out of an estate be allowed a widow before any further distribution is made, the government reply was that too many individual cases have to be considered, making it difficult to set a general rule.

Health

In reply to other resolutions the government stated that all rural Health Units are adequately staffed as rapidly as personnel is available. There could be some difference of opinion on what "adequately" should include.

Guidance clinics are sent out to all parts of the province. It would be too expensive and not useful to have full time guidance personnel at each Health Unit.

About a free medical and hospital treatment for mental patients the government answered that always the basis of need should be considered. If the government paid for all services the money could only go so far and

it could mean that persons absolutely in need would get less.

The government feels that it cannot make a rule that children be properly and completely diagnosed at diagnostic clinics for retarded children, as it could be called interference.

There is no solution found yet how to give an identification to people who are allergic to antibiotics.

To maintain psychiatric wards in rural hospitals is a difficult proposition. It is not a matter of accommodation but of properly trained personnel. Hospitals are not anxious to take psychiatric patients as they generally have not the security needed for these cases nor enough staff to assume this added responsibility.

The provincial government considers the Dental Pilot Project a worthwhile undertaking.

Education

If the government would assume the total cost of education it would assume more authority. The cabinet feels it is better to have local authority.

Giving rural children educational opportunities equal to those for urban children is done as much as population and money will allow. On the present revenue costs of health, education and welfare services cannot be extended with increasing the taxes.

There is a fund for students leaving high school and willing to get further education in fields other than the university. It is the Queen Elizabeth Fund.

TAXES ON LAND TAKEN FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

When your land has been expropriated or taken for highway purposes, etc., the amount of land taken will not be removed from your Municipal or County assessment roll until the land has been legally surveyed and that survey registered in the Land Titles Office. This survey may be done as long as four years after the land has been expropriated. This leaves the farmer paying taxes on land taken from him.

When paying taxes of this nature be sure you pay your taxes UNDER PROTEST. In this way your case will be heard before the Appeal Board.

Do not pay the taxes on the property taken and expect to have it adjusted later. The Municipal Act makes no provision for the refund of taxes.

The cabinet is of the opinion that the Department of Education requires private schools to adhere to the curriculum set out by the Department.

Tests are made with emergency heaters using non-explosive fuels. The FWUA has asked for such a type of heater in all school buses. As soon as the results of the tests are known the govern-

ment will send a report to the organization.

Releasing high school students for Farm Young People's Week should be taken up with local high school principals, not with the government, stated Mr. Aalborg.

The government thinks that the religious barriers governing adoption of children aren't such a problem anymore. Other organizations are gradually taking care of it.

The N.F.U. again asked the federal government to take appropriate action to correct the condition as described in the report, and to use the power given it under the British North America Act to pass enabling legislation which will provide for the establishment of producer controlled national marketing boards with mandatory powers and controls over the marketing of commodities produced on farms including those owned and operated by processors, distributors and manufacturers.

NATIONAL MARKETING BOARDS ARE NEEDED

The report of the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission shows that three large meat packing companies together slaughter over 60% of all the cattle and more than 60% of all the hogs marketed in Canada. The report also says that the position of the largest of the three, namely, Canada Packers Limited, in the market, is

so dominant that it is against the public interest and to the detriment of both the producers and consumers. No action has been taken as yet by the government to break the monopoly power of these large corporations; yet there can be no doubt that the concentration of so much marketing power is against the public interest.

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A Few Good Tips To Keep In Mind

Mr. Clarence Moritz of Olds, member of the F.U.A. Surface Rights Committee and former president of the Coburn Surface Rights Association, has a few reminders to F.U.A. members.

In the event they are approached by representatives of companies or departments, wishing to use farmland for drilling purposes, building of a highway or anything else, he reminds you:

1. Read every part of a written agreement. The offer of payment will be in the big print. The technical agreement of what you agree to do, or sacrifice will be in the small print.

2. Never sign an agreement or contract unless you are sure of, and satisfied with, the contents of the agreement or contract.

3. Insist on a copy of any agreement or contract you sign at the time you sign it.

4. In some cases it is better to let your land be taken by expropriation, or the right to enter be given by one of the government boards handling such cases. Compulsory taking places a landowner in a better bargaining position.

5. A verbal agreement is never any good as you have no proof of what either party agreed to.

6. Every owner should know the different items he can authentically present for a claim, and the value of these items.

7. When writing to a company, a government office, or individual

regarding an offer or agreement, be sure to keep a copy of the letter for your file.

8. A registered letter is the best way to notify the other party because you have proof of notification.

9. When writing to another party or company offering proposed payments or settlements for a specific item, be sure to head your letter "without prejudice." Then, if this offer is not accepted and settlement must be made through a Board, or in Court, your offer cannot be used as evidence against you.

10. Remember "Secrecy" is to the buyer's advantage but is detrimental to the landowner.

11. The Rights of Entry Board of Arbitration and the Board of Public Utilities Commission are for your protection, use them, if necessary.

Neither of these Boards will handle your case if you have signed an agreement.

One other reminder not to be overlooked:

Never hesitate to ask experienced people for advice. Nobody knows everything, and it doesn't take anything away from one's prestige to ask information from people not personally involved in the case. Also, an experienced lawyer may often prove to be a good investment.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILD EDUCATION

By MRS. RUSSELL JOHNSTON

Society now accepts the responsibility of educating all children. How effective is the education of the "Exceptional Child"—the child whose needs are not served by the regular school program?

Exceptional children include (a) children who are gifted in a variety of ways (b) children who are mentally handicapped (c) children who are emotionally disturbed.

Emotionally Disturbed

It is difficult to assess the needs of the emotionally disturbed children in Alberta but an attempt is made to do this with special guidance personnel to assist the classroom teacher and the parents. Special classes with trained personnel have been organized.

Physically Handicapped

The need to provide special educational facilities for the deaf and the blind has long been recognized. Prior to the forming of the provinces in 1905 the federal government arranged for the education of the deaf in residential schools in other provinces. In 1957 the Alberta School for the Deaf was opened in Edmonton by the Department of Education. There is a house parent for every 13 children to provide supervision when they are not attending classes. An effort is made to provide guidance and personal counselling. Further benefits could be derived if pre-school age deaf children and their parents could come to the school for guidance, if discussion groups of parents could be organized and if a field worker could help graduates to find a place in society when they leave the school. Such a field worker could compile statistics showing how well graduates are able to cope with the rest of the world. Such statistics would be of value in evaluating and correcting the teaching, training and guidance given to the children. Special classes for the hard of hearing were established in Edmonton and Calgary in 1946-1947.

Blind Children

Approximately 30 totally blind children are being sent out of the province, the older students to Brantford, Ontario, and the grade II and III students to Jericho Hill in Vancouver. Children who need sight-saving procedure should not be in the sheltered atmosphere of schools for the blind but should receive their education as close as possible to the normal stream of children. Classes for the partially sighted were started in Calgary in 1930 and in 1931 in Edmonton. More classes are needed in other parts of the province but the need is not concentrated enough to establish classes.

Physically Handicapped

The Crippled Children's Hospital in Calgary is providing edu-

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cation for their physically handicapped patients. Construction will be commencing in the very near future on the School for the Physically Handicapped in Edmonton which will offer Grades I to XII. It will be under both the Department of Health and the Department of Education. There will be various types of physical therapy at the school but children needing hospital treatment will receive it at the hospital. Besides physical therapy there will be occupational therapy and speech therapy. The core of this school will be cerebral-palsied children but it will also have polio patients and those with congenital handicaps such as heart conditions, muscular dystrophy, accident cases in wheel chairs, etc.

Mentally Handicapped

The mentally retarded are individuals who function intellectually below the level of their age group. At the time the Cameron Commission on Education reported in late 1959 it was estimated that 2% of the Alberta school population or 5,000 children were in need of programs for the mentally retarded and only 500 pupils were enrolled in special classes to meet their needs. Today estimates are even higher. The mentally retarded children are more numerous than other classes of exceptional children and in recent years there has been greater public awareness of their educational needs. There has been a substantial increase in their numbers due to population growth and improved medical care. The number of unskilled jobs by which retarded persons can support themselves is rapidly diminishing due to improved technology and increased automation.

There are many various factors which might cause mental retardation such as injury to the central nervous system, glandular or metabolic disturbances or the result of cultural or psychological factors. There are many degrees of retardation. Recently the terms "educable," "trainable" and "custodial" retarded have come into use indicating the type of educational or training program which would be suitable in each case.

The Educable mentally handicapped though unable to benefit from ordinary classroom instruction may be expected to benefit from special educational facilities designed to make them economically useful and socially adjusted. Their intelligence quotient is roughly between 50 and 75 whereas the normal I.Q. is between 90

and 110. Alberta developed a "Curriculum Guide for Educable Mentally Handicapped Children" which was first used in 1959. This guide, which has been highly recommended, contains an arithmetic, a language, a reading and a social living program. Since 1918 special "Opportunity" classes have been established for these children in Calgary and Edmonton and during the past 10 years have been established in other centres. The Department of Education assists School Boards with a special grant of \$2500 per class annually. At the present 23 school divisions operate "Opportunity" classes enrolling a total of 850 pupils. With adequate training and direction the more capable mentally retarded may become independent and self supporting adults and cease to be classified as mentally retarded.

Trainable Mentally Handicapped

The trainable mentally handicapped children with approximately 25 to 50 I.Q. develop at such a slow rate that they are unable to profit from the type of instruction offered in "Opportunity" rooms. They do have potentialities to (a) develop the ability to adjust acceptably to the home and neighborhood (b) improve their ability to care for themselves (c) contribute to their own economic usefulness in the school, in the home, in a residential school or in a sheltered environment.

In 1918 the Provincial Government opened a residential "Home For The Mentally Deficient Children" in Edmonton. This institution was later replaced by "The Provincial Training School" at Red Deer. Besides training this school also gives custodial care.

Partly because of lack of room in the Red Deer institution and partly because parents did not want their children to leave home local associations for retarded children established day schools to meet their needs. These schools receive financial support from both school boards and the Department of Education. Permissive legislation has been passed to allow school boards to operate classes or schools for the retarded but to date none have been established. There are now nine schools for trainable mentally retarded children operated by the Alberta Association For Retarded Children enrolling over 400 pupils. There are two large schools, The Winifred Stewart School in Edmonton and the Christine Meikle School in Calgary as well as smaller schools in Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie, Vegreville, Vermilion, Red Deer, Camrose and Drumheller. Some Alberta children attend a school at Lloydminster and there is an attempt to start schools at Hinton and

Pincher Creek. These schools help the children to improve in communication skills, in social skills, in self care and in economic usefulness. In larger schools senior students are able to learn vocational skills which prepare them for work in a sheltered work shop.

Gifted Children

Gifted children are considered to be children who rate in the top 5% of intelligence and also children who have some special talents such as in fine arts or the mechanical fields. While the public accepts the necessity of providing special education for the mentally retarded there has been a tendency to consider it undemocratic to give gifted children special opportunities to develop according to their particular abilities. The Cameron Commission estimated that 12.3% of any age group are capable of university education and that 33% are capable of post-secondary school education. In one year considering the top quarter of the Grade XII students in a scholastic aptitude test only some 30% went on to the University of Alberta while 70% did not.

In Alberta 10% of the Grade IX class of 1955 earned matriculation but only 6% went on to university. There should be a more

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★ **Heinsburg** sponsored a short course on livestock feeding and handling and will sponsor one on weed control on March 7. Tom Belsheim, Marwayne, was elected president, Harold Franks, vice-president, G. A. Kinch, secretary-treasurer, and Donald Kjenner and Douglas Cook, directors. Sixteen members attended the meeting.

★ **Travers'** members volunteered to help install a new furnace in the Community Hall. G. George, community club representative, will be in charge of entertainment for the youth of the district. Frank Tolsdorf is president of the local and J. J. Rost secretary.

★ **Clear Lake** is concerned about the use of purple gas by persons who perhaps cannot be considered to be "bona fide farmers." A letter about this has been sent to the Attorney General. The local delegate for Fed. Co-ops will be invited to the next meeting to give a report on the activities of Federated and its policy. Thirteen members and one visitor attended the meeting held at the home of Wm. Roemmele.

★ **Bay Tree** local No. 102 doesn't want to join Bay Tree local 103. A motion to that effect was defeated by six to two votes. Two motions requesting gravelling of some roads carried. In a meeting of UFA local 102 it was moved by Larry Loge, seconded by Lloyd Smathers, that dividends in excess of \$5.00 be returned to the individual purchaser. Officers for 1963 are: Art Bourgue, president; Ken McRann, vice-president; and John Stone, secretary.

★ **Beiseker** received the report of the two delegates to the annual convention. A rather comprehensive report was given about the building of a local hospital between Beiseker and Acme. There is at the moment quite a bit of agitation about the appearance of this hospital.

★ **Bellis** decided to pay the hall costs for holding an "electrical school." Eli Chemerys and Harry Shapka reported about the annual convention.

★ **Yorkville** met at the home of Dick Klewitz. Two delegates were appointed for the Farm Safety Conference in Edmonton. Members of the 1963 executive will be: Jim Allanach, president; Stan Biebert, vice-president; Elwood Galloway, secretary-treasurer; Kenneth Galloway, program convener. R. Shackleton and S. Melville were appointed as members of the bonspiel committee. Sam Melville reported on the annual convention. The next meeting will be held at the home of James Cannon.

★ **Milo-Queenstown** is very much interested in crop insurance. The president Robert Scott had gathered quite a bit of material. It was decided, on a motion from Cam Robertson and Harold Northcott to ask MLA Peter Dawson's support for a crop insurance plan. The meeting date was changed from the third to the fourth Thursday of every month.

★ **Ashmont** heard an interesting talk from Robert Cheshire on county affairs, touching mostly on regulations of the county office. The local decided to buy two copies of the Municipal Districts Act.

★ **Rosenthal** got full and complete convention reports from district secretary Mrs. Norma Baron, Mrs. Lorna Gabel and the local's president Carl Baron. The UFA Co-op report was given by George Miller. The new executive is: Carl Baron, president; Henry Gabel, vice-president; Mrs. Herb Kotscherofski, secretary-treasurer.

★ **Berrywater** sent a resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, asking for an explanation about a report of a county council meeting in which 1963 committees were appointed before the election of councillors for 1963. Dividends from UFA Co-op farm supplies will be evenly divided between the

purchaser and the FUA local after bookkeeping expenses have been paid. Officers for 1963 are: Stewart Douglass, Vulcan, president; Archie Oldfield, vice-president; Allan Sinclair, RR 2, Vulcan, secretary-treasurer. Directors: F. W. Sharp, Orlo Doane, Terry White, Joe Gerding and Carson Love. Auditor is Clifford Webber. Leon Bateman from Red Cross local gave a very interesting convention report.

★ **Elnora** listened to Robert Buckland's convention report. He had expected to have a sort of a holiday, but things turned out differently, as he was kept busy. He also had some criticism. Guest speaker Bert Smith said that people don't have enough interest in their own affairs by not going to meetings and voice their opinion.

★ **Carvel** appointed G. Lenz as chairman for the meeting and Mrs. D. Smigelski as secretary. Delegate P. Florkeiwich reported about the convention. New officers are: Steve Wasylshyn, president; Allen Olson, vice-president, Elaine Lenz, secretary-terasurer. The meeting was held at the home of

mond, Edberg, secretary-treasurer. Directors are: Alex Cowan, Conrad Johnson, Calvin Johnson, Morris Graham, Mervin Gien and Mrs. Ellen Forsberg. The meeting was held at the home of Conrad Johnson.

★ **Ranfurly** appointed four members to arrange the bonspiel from which the local derives a certain amount of its funds. A plug was put in to listen to Farm Forum broadcasts. Howard Austin is president of the local and Alvin Wagar secretary.

★ **Eldorena** met at the home of John Boychuk. The new executive is: Walter Kuchmak, Radway, president; Steve Sekersky, vice-president, Morris Yurkiw (re-elected) secretary-treasurer. One per cent of the UFA refund will go to the local and five per cent to the purchaser, providing he is a member of the FUA.

★ **Beach Corner** presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Troutd for perfect attendance. An FWUA cook book was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Schlecker, a newly married couple.

★ **David Thompson** had up till

petition the following rink was entered: Henry Joy, Art King, Alix McIntyre, Ralf Copper, skip. The local feels that all cattle should be de-horned and that this should be done when calves are young.

★ **Rose Lynn** had on December 1, a balance of \$135.85 on hand. Re-elected were Geo. Landis, president; Mrs. R. E. Hickie, vice-president; R. C. Orford, secretary. Directors elected were: Jim Curry, Jake Vosslev, Jim McDonald, Bill McClaskey, George Kingcott and John Stifle. The Farm Forum broadcast, "Taxation-Who Should Pay," resulted in a lively discussion which lasted two hours.

★ **Thorncliffe** will hold a meeting in Vermilion in March to stimulate interest in the FUA. The delegates attending the Convention presented good reports. Officers elected were: Thos. Thompson, Vermilion, president; Cliff Hollen, vice-president; Hugh Stewart, secretary. Directors: Han Wulf, Jack Semenik, S. E. MacIntosh, R. A. Moses. Next meeting to be held February 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Garnett.

★ **Stellaville-Claysmore** voted, a-

Lefebvre and K. C. Gordon, that they were elected as president and secretary respectively. A curling committee was elected.

★ **Albright** appointed Mr. B. W. Pearce to look into the possibility of fire protection for the local farmers. An application will be made for an agricultural bursary for Maurice Hiltza of Goodfare. Mr. Don McNab, sub-district director reported about the Annual Convention. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Gudlugson. The next one will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lay.

★ **Busby** would consider an FUA field service too high in cost and of not enough advantage. The February meeting was held at the Busby Hall on the 15th of the month with the 4-H Clubs of Alcomdale and Elks Hills having a debate. For April Federated Co-ops will be invited to send a PRO. The January meeting was held at the home of R. E. Brann.

★ **Pickardville** discussed mainly Mr. Hamilton's Convention address, means of raising funds for the local, surface rights and group health insurance. The meeting was attended by 18 members.

It is necessary to get a steady membership. Some hundreds of members didn't renew their membership yet. Please look into this matter, visit these people, and mail their memberships to Central Office.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bardak. Next meeting on February 27.

★ **Evergreen's** delegates Mr. Weigand and H. Kasperson found the convention very informative, educational and impressive. Mr. McDonald, delegate of UFA Co-op, reported on the year's activities which showed a notable increase in business at all UFA outlets. Secretary of the local is Mrs. Shirley Kooyman.

★ **Iron Springs** met, with 38 members and two visitors present. T. Parker and O. Kliest moved to start the "Iron Springs Oil Co-op," which motion carried. Directors will be: H. Haney, M. Weiland, O. Mehlan, W. F. Boras, C. Noble, C. Shimek, W. V. Boras. The Agricultural Service Board and the District Agriculturist R. Trimmers gave a report on the Soil Conservation Act. Mr. H. Arthur, Reeve of M.D. 25, reported about the M.D.'s business in 1962.

★ **Chinook** re-elected James Taylor as president. Allan Reed was elected vice-president and Fred Ames secretary-treasurer. Henry McGlynn gave a comprehensive report on the business of the annual convention. The local is opposed to a Hutterite application for purchasing another 6,000 acres in the area. The general feeling was that the saturation point had been reached. A committee of four was appointed to draw up a brief to be presented to the Communal Property Board. The meeting was attended by 35 members and four visitors.

★ **Bentley** met at the home of Don Pierson with 15 members and two visitors present. District Agriculturist Walter McNary spoke about "Conservation and how to make the best use of our resources." He told members that everyone is responsible for conservation on his own farm.

★ **Styal** couldn't find anyone to attend the Safety Conference. The meeting was attended by 13 members and two visitors. It was held at the home of Wm. Brenenstul. The next meeting will be on February 25, 8:30 p.m., at the home of Wm. Tuke.

★ **Edberg** elected as officers for coming year: Fred Winters, Edberg, president; Richard Lindquist, vice-president; Alex Drum-

mond, Edberg, secretary-treasurer. Directors are: Alex Cowan, Conrad Johnson, Calvin Johnson, Morris Graham, Mervin Gien and Mrs. Ellen Forsberg. The meeting was held at the home of Conrad Johnson.

★ **Warburg** heard a very good Convention report from J. Szepesy. After listening to the Farm Radio Broadcast the comment was made that no remarks had been made about getting more money from our natural resources to reduce taxation on property, and the members are opposed to a provincial sales tax. The next executive consists of J. Kerikis, president; J. Szepesy, vice-president; H. Saubak, secretary; S. Nemeth, B. Rimer and R. Eyre, directors. ★ **Scenic Heights** had a temperature of 25 below when the local meeting was held. Nevertheless 19 members and one visitor came to the home of Lloyd Thrones. Lavern Sheehan, convention delegate, presented his report. Wm. Connors, Co-op PRO gave a talk and showed some films.

★ **Antler Hill** set up a program committee with 5 members on a motion made by F. D. Stevenet, seconded by Charlie Farrar, and amended by Douglas Gibson. C. L. Doan, reeve of the County of Red Deer, spoke on the county setup. Twenty-five members attended. The 1963 executive is E. A. McAllister, president; Angus McAllister, vice-president; O. P. Quantz, secretary; and directors: Joe Marshall, C. L. Doan, Douglas Gibson, Douglas Boyd and Howard Green.

★ **Thomasville** elected Garry Watt as president and John L. Nicol, Jr. as secretary, replacing respectively Ralf Copper and Ernest Lang who retired. Directors are the same as last year. At the next meeting members will bring patterns for gate signs, showing FUA membership, and a decision will be made about a design favorable to all. For the district 7 curling com-

mid much cigarette smoke, all outgoing officers in again. They have to stay for one more year. An UFA meeting followed the local meeting. A motion was passed that only FUA members are eligible for patronage dividends. The local met at the home of Castle Scott.

★ **Irvine** had more visitors, 12, at their meeting than members, 10. Yet, it was one of the best meetings in years. Nearly all present were very much interested in grazing leases and considerable time was taken up discussing this subject. Mr. Bert Hargrave spoke about ARDA. The president of the local, Ted Amah, and the secretary, William Will, were re-elected by acclamation.

★ **Benalto** meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Shultz, heard that the bonspiel at Benalto had been a success. A profit of \$47.50 was made in the kitchen. The local sold \$170.00 worth of tickets for Gold Eye Lake Camp. Bill Eliuk, agent of the petroleum division of the UFA Co-op at Eckville, was guest speaker.

★ **Longridge** discussed various subjects, MSI, crop insurance, etc. The meeting was held at the home of the president, Verne Gossman. Nine members were present. Secretary of the local is John Albrecht.

★ **Elk Point** chose the easy way out by re-electing all officers: R. F. Flanders, president; Don Pinder, vice-president; Mrs. I. Magnusson, secretary; finance & entertainment, Mrs. H. Pinder; local affairs, Mrs. Don (Grace) Pinder; co-op affairs, Mrs. S. Holthe, Jr. affairs, Dick McGinnis. As no one was able to attend the convention Mrs. Magnusson had collected convention reports from the Edmonton Journal which were read and discussed.

★ **Burnt Lake** listened to and discussed the Farm Forum broadcast. The local will try to arrange a one day bonspiel at Sylvan Lake on February 13. Plans are made to enter a float in the parade to be held for the 50th anniversary of Sylvan Lake. The meeting was held at the home of Guy Francis. Fourteen members were present. ★ **Rolling Hills** was so delighted with the 14th Convention report given by the delegates Jacques

CO-OPS SHOULD GET FEDERAL CHARTER

Anxious to preserve their independence and protect their personally owned and operated family farms, Canadian farmers are aware that they can do much for themselves by mutual self-help. As a result, Canada has an overwhelmingly rural co-operative movement, but especially in the field of farm supplies, there is room for expansion.

To encourage the formation of co-operatives, the NFU repeated in its submission its request for enactment of legislation enabling co-operative associations to incorporate under federal charter.

The NFU used this opportunity to register strong objections to any changes in the Income Tax Act which may lead to discrimination against co-operatives.

Dist. 14 Convention On March 20

The annual convention of District 14 will be held Wednesday, March 20th at the Marquis hotel in Lethbridge. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. All regular business will be dealt with, including the election of officers. The provincial presidents, Mr. Ed Nelson, Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite, and Mr. J. Hutchinson will address the meeting.

The following committees have been appointed to look after arrangements — Resolutions: R. Theel, O. Mehlen, H. Oneill; Registration: H. Hughes, J. Horgus; Luncheon: Mrs. M. Roberts, Miss M. Coupland; Courtesy: W. Paxman, Mrs. A. Kenholz.

Locals having resolutions to present to the convention are asked to hand them over to the chairman of the resolutions committee prior to the opening of the convention.

All locals are reminded that they are allowed one delegate for every 10 members. Visitors are most welcome to attend and will have speaking privileges. Come and discuss and hear the problems of your organization.

Crop Insurance

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Fight for China Market

The AFA convention passed a motion, submitted by the Alberta Wheat Pool, expressing that everything possible should be done by Canada to ensure the continuation and development of the Chinese market for Canadian grain, and that every effort be exerted by the AFA to mobilize support for the greatest possible access to the Canadian market of goods of Chinese manufacture.

CHILD EDUCATION

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intensive study of the reason for drop-outs among the gifted students with a view to finding remedies.

In general the gifted are not being identified and developed as they should be. It is very important to identify the gifted child early as there is a grave danger of damaging his intellectual interest and habits by boring him with work below his level of achievement. There should be a planned continuous search for the gifted in every school, by the individual teacher, and the entire staff with the close co-operation of the parents.

Two methods of giving special opportunities to the gifted are acceleration and enrichment. In Calgary acceleration is provided for the elementary school by allowing children to take the first three grades in two, three or four years, thus enabling the gifted to enter grade four with older children nearer their own intellectual level. Edmonton and other school divisions provide similar opportunities for acceleration. Enrichment may be provided by giving individuals, classes or whole schools additional studies to challenge their abilities. These may provide greater study in depth than for the average child or they may range over a wider field of interests. The Cameron Commission recommended that the larger school systems be accredited to enable them to develop special programs for the

gifted and that children attending school systems unable to provide these programs be subsidized to attend schools where the programs are offered.

The Correspondence School Branch provides lessons for isolated children, additional subjects for the smaller high schools, enrichment courses for the gifted,

courses for the boys in the Bowden Institute, and the girls in Belmont, and courses for some of the physically handicapped.

Further information may be obtained from the Curriculum News Letter for October 1962 "Opportunity For The Handicapped" and from Dr. S. R. Laycock's book "Gifted Children."

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What's The Status Of The Western Conference?

Officials Should Have Responsibility

By Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite, F.W.U.A. President

Having attended the A.F.A. convention, the W.A.C. and the C.F.A., it is interesting to follow each one through. Important resolutions on farm organizations were dealt with at all levels.

The A.F.A. was organized at a meeting held in Red Deer in 1936. It was formed by the Co-op organizations and known as Federated Co-op Union. In 1940 the name was changed to the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

At the Annual A.F.A. Convention held in the Corona Hotel, Edmonton, last month 20 organizations out of the 36 in the Federation, were represented. The other 16 made no contact at all. It appeared this year that the delegates got down strictly to work and there was little sniping or distracting comments as sometimes has occurred. Acreage payments, quota system, marketing legislation, export sales of grain, a veterinary college, crop insurance, setting up of a licensed game farm, opposition to piece meal abandonment of rail lines, were among the resolutions supported. We were told that once resolutions were submitted to the A.F.A. they became A.F.A. resolutions to change, amend or defeat as the delegates so voted. The Dairymen did not send in resolutions.

From here the resolutions were sent on to the Western Agricultural Conference. Again no resolutions were dealt with. One asked that the Wheat Board be the sole marketing agency for wheat, oats and barley. It was carried. Another one on feed mills asked for the same thing and was tabled.

Any useful purpose?

However the Western Agricultural Conference doesn't seem to serve any useful purpose, in that a resolution if carried by the delegates then can be opposed with vigor and vim by the delegates from the various organizations attending the C.F.A.

Here my dreams are shattered. I have always felt that at the Western Conference final policy was created whereby the officials and delegates of the various organizations stood solidly on policy for the Western farmer. But such is not the case. No responsibility is placed on any individual to carry out this policy.

Then a resolution was passed that said: "In order to present a united front for agriculture all farm organizations must work as one group." After a lengthy debate another resolution asked that a committee review the purposes, objectives, structure and delegate system, to report their findings of the study along with recommendations to the member organizations or next annual meeting.

Reviews can be made, and studies held, but until some firm responsibility is placed on officials, the Western farmer is left in a hopeless position.

One man told me his organization put a lot of money into the Federation and as such had every right to oppose any policy any organization put forth even if it came from a majority of farmers in his province—alas, money still talks.

Dairy resolutions

The C.F.A. convention had a full slate of delegates. The Dairy Farmers had a considerable number of resolutions and debates for the most part were well taken. Dr. Walsh of the Stabilization Board said the Bengal tiger of the West has turned into a pussy cat and the Easterners were now the aggressors. It was 20 years since Dr. Walsh had attended a C.F.A.

annual meeting and he was amazed at the changed complexion of the conference.

Ninety resolutions were dealt with and they ranged all the way from eggs and poultry, grain, dairy, price, production and marketing policy, trade and tariffs, credit and financial, transportation and freight rates, co-operative movement, rural development and land use, educational and social policy, world food program, economic policy, to other policies on agricultural legislation, standardization of repair parts and organization relationship with C.F.A. This last one asked the Directors of C.F.A. to study the relationship of national commodity groups with the C.F.A.

Hon. A. Hamilton addressed the convention. He reviewed a tape he had made two years ago, and followed through to show the predictions and follow up achievements. His concern is to bring all farm income up. He also believes small farmers have a place in our society. Viscount Amory of Great Britain told of farm policies there and the strength of their National Farm Union.

Agricultural attaches from Russia, Denmark, U.S.A., Britain, The Netherlands and New Zealand were in attendance.

Through all the discussions concern seemed to be over the Farm Organization. Would we be able

to build one farm organization? Considerable thought and reviewing, with considerable revising is an urgent problem. In all these conventions some good conclusions for agriculture were reached. But there they hang and no one in particular is responsible to carry them to fulfillment. Indeed the Bengal tiger has turned into a pussy cat.

ELECTION MEETINGS

The next Federal election has been called for Monday, April 8th.

In most parts of the Province the FUA has already earned a good reputation for providing forum type meetings for the various candidates to meet and speak to the farm people. This type of program should be encouraged and intensified. We do not need to take political sides but we certainly should be interested in politics. The policies of any candidate will determine his or her effectiveness as our representative in government. Meeting all the candidates at one time makes it easier to make a choice. Attend these meetings and help to make them a success.

Marketing Boards

The AFA supports the stand that the legislations governing producer marketing boards be changed in such a way that sixty six and two thirds per cent of the actual voters constitute a majority. The same support was given to the FUA resolution that a hog marketing board plebiscite be held immediately after the Agricultural Products Marketing Act has been amended in the above manner.

FAIR AND EQUITABLE RETURN REQUESTED

With a federal election on April 8 coming up, it was this year more important that the N.F.U. delegation could speak to the different party caucuses than to the Federal Cabinet. Just before election time the M.P.'s received first hand information of the many difficulties farmers encounter in their farming operations, and what farmers expect from Government to help them overcome these difficulties.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker wasn't present when the Submission was made. The government was represented by Mr. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. Walter Dinsdale, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, and Mr. Leon Balcer, Minister of Transport. Some other members of the Cabinet attended only part of the presentation.

The tenor of the submission is that the real income in constant 1946 dollars per farm operator has risen only \$159.00 per year from 1946 to 1961, namely from \$1568 to \$1727 per year, and that a national support program is needed to provide a basis on which individual producers can make production decisions and be guaranteed a fair and equitable return for assuming a production risk.

The stated objectives of the Agricultural Stabilization Act passed by the House of Commons, January 25, 1958 are: "Stabilizing the price of agricultural commodities in order to assist the industry of agriculture to realize fair returns for its labor and investment, and to maintain a fair relationship between prices received by farmers and the costs of the goods and services that they buy, thus to provide farmers with a fair share of the national income," have not yet been achieved. Though in 1961 the number of farm operators constituted in 1961 6.0% of the labor force, they received only 3.7% of the national income. The farm depopulation from 679,000 in 1946 to 432,000 in 1961 has not resulted in an appreciably higher average income position for those remaining in agriculture. There will always tend to be either a shortage or a surplus of any particular commodity in response to price fluctuation.

Basis of Equality

The function of a national support program must be, therefore, to provide a basis on which individual producers can make production decisions and be guaranteed a fair and equitable return for assuming a production risk. In this respect, a support program must provide a basis of equality for producers in all areas of the nation and not be so designed as to impose regional discriminations.

Unfortunately, such has been the experience in the application of the Agricultural Stabilization Act to the egg support program. Removal of fixed differentials in price support between regions in Canada resulted in wide discrimination in final price realized by producers with the implementation of a national weighted average price.

The NFU regards with concern the fact that hogs are supported on a similar basis. The national average weighted support price is fixed at \$23.65 per hundredweight for Grade A hogs. Market conditions have encouraged increased hog production. Price declines are predicted in April and May with the prospect of prices being below those of 1962 by next summer. Hog producers in the surplus producing regions of Canada have no clear guarantee of minimum price support under present circumstances, but, as in the case of eggs, stand to receive prices considerably below spreads established in normal trading practices. With responsibility for surplus disposal vested in the trade, producers in some regions may suffer the effect of serious price fluctuations and still not qualify for deficiency payments.

Deficiency Payment Program

For these reasons the NFU again recommends the implementation of a comprehensive deficiency payment program to make up any difference between the actual market price and the parity price by direct payments to producers on a specified portion of of their production; such payments to be made on a regional and quarterly basis.

The Union views with growing anxiety the trend on the part of government to reshape its support policies in such a manner as to assume a diminishing role in surplus disposal and levels of direct support. The two previously mentioned products, hogs and eggs, are cases in point. The government appears to be engaged in a deliberate program to rid itself of active participation in handling products that reoccur as surpluses, although often residual in nature. The effect of allowing surplus production to have full play in depressing market prices is contrary to the best principles of orderly marketing and expose the farmer to the tender mercies of the trade.

The NFU notes the sharp decline in expenditures under the Agricultural Stabilization Act that have resulted following the change for basis of payment on hogs and eggs.

The National Farmers Union regrets the reduction in quality premiums on grade A hogs, and requests that they be raised to the former level.

Schools of Agriculture Need Broader Programs

Five Recommendations to Cabinet

By Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite, President F.W.U.A.

On January 28 a meeting of the Board of Agricultural Education was held in Edmonton, when a brief was presented to Members of the Cabinet: Hon. H. Strom, Hon. A. O. Aalborg, Hon. L. Halmrast, Hon. E. Hinman and Hon. F. C. Colbourne.

Under the Agricultural Schools Act of 1913, the purpose of these schools was defined as a school for the purpose of teaching practical and scientific farming, household economy, domestic science and other such subjects as the Board may prescribe. During the past 50 years the school has trained farmers and farmers' wives.

But changes in rural life, in farming, women's role, and general education point up the need for a broadened and more diversified program for schools of agriculture. A number of recommendations were made.

Recommendation #1

That the function of Alberta Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics be now recognized as providing:

(a) Vocational agricultural courses designed to give broad

training for those who intend to farm;

(b) Broadly based specialized agricultural courses for those interested in specialized types of farming;

(c) Vocational courses designed to train students for occupations auxiliary to agricultural industry for School of Agriculture diploma graduates or adult students as may be qualified to enter;

(d) General course in Home Economics (probably at one school only) designed to train students as homemakers;

(e) Specialized courses in the home economics field to fit graduates for specific employment;

(f) Special courses, primarily for young women, to fit graduates for employment in areas outside the home economics field;

(g) Such other courses as the Board of Agricultural Education may prescribe.

Recommendation #2

That high school subjects be included in the program of studies at vocational agricultural schools at the Grade XI and XII level. To enable students to secure either a high school diploma or senior matriculation in some cases.

Recommendation #3

All factors considered, the Committee recommends that schools of agriculture in Alberta continue to be operated on a regional basis provided that attendance is sufficient to justify the expenditure involved. Fluctuation in attendance will occur and it would appear realistic to establish minimal attendance of vocational students for each school at 95 for Olds, 85 for Vermilion and 60 for Fairview. This recommendation was made by the Board of Agricultural Education in regular session April 12, 1961.

Recommendation #4

The Committee recommends that effective in 1963, the name "Alberta Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics" be changed to "Alberta Agricultural and Vocational Colleges."

Recommendation #5

The Committee recommends that a suitable person be commissioned to prepare a historic record of Alberta Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics. If an outside agency such as a foundation, cannot be found, it is recommended that the Alberta Government undertake to finance such a project.

F.W.U.A. HI-LITES

• **Berrywater** will contact the Berrywater FUA about a joint membership in renting films from the National Film Board. Ten dollars was voted as donation to the Vulcan library. Margaret Richardson, Lorna Gerding, Mrs. Wilson Oldfield and Mrs. Muriel Smith offered to help compile the local FWUA history. A Christmas party held on December 28 was a success.

• **Wild Rose** had two visitors at its meeting. Five dollars was donated to Alberta Farm Forum radio broadcasts. Mrs. Heyler, Mary Stringer and Daisy Hansen were elected as members of the flower show committee. The reports of the annual convention given by Mr. and Mrs. C. Stringer and Mary Stringer were very much appreciated.

• **Westlock** will send two delegates to the Farm Safety Conference. The scrapbook will be handled by a committee consisting of Mrs. Len Sterling, Mrs. B. Sterling, Mrs. Geo. Platt and Mrs. Jolivet. The meeting was attended by 12 members and two visitors. The next meeting will be held February 20 at the home of Mrs. M. L. Engler.

• **High River** elected Mrs. Allen Smith as president, Mrs. D. Brocklebank as secretary and Mrs. C. Schacht as treasurer.

• **Sunny Hills** appointed the following conveners: Health and social welfare, Mrs. Ted Devaleriola; agriculture and co-operation, Mrs. Harold Trentham; education, Mrs. L. Hansen; citizenship, Mrs. Cliff Chambers. Meeting place was the home of Mrs. Wm. Piffer.

• **Viking South** elected new officers: Mrs. Martha Hoines, Viking, president; Mrs. Nina Jorgenson, Strome, secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Gira, Viking, treasurer and Mrs. D. Bell, Killam, vice-president.

• **Smoky Lake's** new president is Mrs. Gelych. Secretary is Mrs. Doris Kuchmak, Box 221, Smoky Lake. At the end of the year the bank balance was \$291.90. Nineteen members and two visitors attended the meeting.

• **Stapledene** meeting at the home of Mrs. Rita Finlay, sent 50 lbs. of clothing to Oliver Mental Hospital. A thank you letter was received from Mrs. Whitfield for cards and use of transistor radio while in University Hospital. The radio was won by the local at the Wainwright convention and is kept for use by members in hospital.

• **Three Hills** heard informative reports about the annual convention. \$25.00 was donated to the fund for the Queen's Scouts who are travelling next summer to Greece.

• **Sunnynook** re-elected its officers. New club reporter is Lillian Anderson. Mrs. Irma Torie and Mrs. Evelyn Collins were appointed to audit the books. Annie Dornan gave the convention report.

• **Spring Valley**, meeting at Mrs. James Hainsworth's home, decided to send \$10 to the building fund for the School for Retarded Children. Five dollars was sent to UNICEF.

• **Westlock** is in favor of having handicraft again part of this year's convention. The news flashes were read by Mrs. Len Sterling. Eighteen members and four visitors attended the meeting held at the home of Mrs. Louise Van Dresar.

• **Fairdonian Valley** met at the home of Mrs. J. Aitcheson. A committee was set up under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. B. Weber to write a history of the local. The Kinsmen club will be encouraged to set up a museum in Sedgewick in a log building presented to this club.

• **Red Deer** passed a motion of Mrs. Comfort to donate to the sub-district an amount of \$10.00. Lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Ronald Comfort and co-hostess Mrs. Charlton.

• **Bon Accord** has elected Mrs. Robert Schneider, Bon Accord, as president; Mrs. W. Schneider as vice-president; Mrs. George Carleton, Bon Accord, as secretary, and Mrs. M. Melnick as treasurer. The

financial report showed a surplus of \$245.53.

• **Marwayne** will have a Family Curling Day on February 9, starting at 10 a.m. Mr. Haskell Tupper is in charge of draws. Miss Robins, home economist, braved the bitterly cold weather and drove from Vermilion to speak about "Kitchen Management." She showed a film also. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ella Quist.

• **Drumheller East** presented to retiring president Mrs. B. Wade and retiring secretary, Mrs. J. Gaschnetz FWUA spoons, according to the custom of the local. New members received such a spoon also. The "Birthday Box" money is used for this purpose. The meeting date was changed to the 4th Wednesday in the month. The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Liptak.

• **South Eaglesham's** attendance suffered under the extremely cold weather. Only nine members were present at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Morrison. Mrs. Rose Grusle gave a most interesting Convention report.

• **Wild Rose** had a bean supper and bazaar on November 16. The task of canvassing for FUA memberships was left to the men's local, which in the past has done a fine job of canvassing. Pot-luck supper was held during the December meeting.

• **Heath's** members gathered November 14 at the home of Mrs. S. J. Chynoweth to make quilts for the USCC. A donation was made to the Handicraft Convenor to help defray Convention expenses.

• **South Eaglesham** met at the home of Mrs. Gorgichuk. Aprons and pot holders were sold among the ladies to provide for extra funds. Mrs. Rose Grussier is the delegate to the Annual Convention.

• **Horn Hill** elected Mrs. F. D. Stevenett, Box 729, Innisfail, as President, Mrs. J. P. McKinnon, R R 3, Red Deer as Vice-President and Mrs. P. Winter, R R 1, Penhold, as Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite, President of the FWUA, gave a summary of her trip to Australia. A Golden Roses Birthday Card, with signatures of the members, was presented to Mrs. W. J. Douglas, a real pioneer member. A donation of \$10.00 was made to Gold Eye Lake Camp. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Scoular.

• **Antler Hill** elected Mrs. Vangy McKinnon as Vice-President. The following conveners were named: Red Cross, Mrs. Minnie Paxton; Sunshine, Mrs. Ada Quantz. Directors are: Mrs. Audrey Stevenett, Mrs. Pearl Marshall, Mrs. Marie Newton. A donation was sent to the Convenor Handicraft Annual Convention instead of a parcel for the sales table.

• **Gleichen's** annual dance and quilt raffle sale was a social and financial success. Mrs. B. McKeever and Mrs. Ray Green were nominated as delegates to the Annual Convention. Meetings will be held every two weeks in members' home.

• **Dalemead** heard a report on the installation of road signs at the dead end roads at the correction line. Request for these had been made to the Rockyview Municipality. A recent accident at the railway crossing east of Dalemead was discussed. The local had asked the railway company for special markings at this hazardous crossing. The sale of Christmas cards has been very successful.

• **Crown** elected as President Mrs. Elsie Healing, Morningside; Mrs. A. Youngren, Lacombe, as Vice-President and Mrs. Frances Wheeler, R R 3, Ponoka, as Secretary-Treasurer. Flowers will be sent to the Senior Citizens Home in Ponoka shortly before Christmas. It was decided to have a pot-luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ella Sweets, Morningside.

• **Roseleaf** had a combined meeting with Blindman FUA at the J. O. Van Styke home. Ray Ferguson spoke about Credit Unions and told that the Sylvan Lake Union showed a healthy growth.

• **Utopia** made plans for a Christmas party at the December meeting. During the Membership Drive several new members were acquired and a new local was formed at Beaver Mines. A "Mock bake sale" is planned.

• **Battle River** decided to send \$5.00 to the Canadian Save the Children Fund. A card party will be held and the proceeds will go to the Irma District Students Assistance Fund. For the FWUA Christmas Fund a blanket and rug will be raffled.

• **Spring Valley** elected Mrs. H. Penner, R R 1, Lacombe, as President and Mrs. Cecil Hudd as Vice-President. Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Douglas Hand was re-elected. Directors are Mrs. James Hainsworth, Mrs. W. A. Gordon and Mrs. Guy Randall.

• **Fairview** had a banquet on November 26, honoring old time members. All officers were re-elected for a second term. Mrs. Ruth Wilson was nominated as FWUA

sub-director for sub-district 5. Miss Emma Miller reported on Farm Young People's Week. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hilda Gibson.

• **One Tree** elected a new slate of officers. President is Mrs. Natalie Alberts, Brooks; Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Bender; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Marion Alberts, Brooks and MSI Representative Mrs. Nettie Robinson.

• **Naco's** members are widely scattered, but they usually manage to have a meeting every month. A chicken supper and bazaar have been held to raise the funds for the donations to the Cancer Fund, Heart Fund, Red Cross, Crippled Children Fund, Peace Research. Material was collected for the local hospital and Senior Men's Home in Youngstown. The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Beaudoin.

• **Gwynne** met at the home of Mrs. Carl Schnee. A cash donation was sent to the Handicraft Fund.

• **Stony Plain** elected Mrs. T. G. (Lillie) Washburn, R R 1, Stony Plain, as President. The other officers were re-elected. A donation of \$5.00 was sent to the CNIB, used clothing to the Unitarian Service Committee and layettes are made for this same committee. Gifts were donated to the Christmas bazaar at Oliver Mental Institute and the Winifred Stewart School.

• **Warner** didn't have a meeting in December. The next meeting was held in January. The October meeting was a very quiet one, due to the sudden death of Mr. Irvine Doenz, the husband of the local's secretary.

• **Three Hills** nominated Mrs. Bales for another term as President. Mrs. R. Dan was elected as Treasurer. The election for Secretary will be held at a later meeting. Mrs. Parry gave a paper on International Peace.



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